

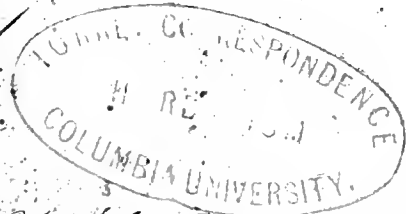
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Dr. Torrey



Dear Sir you will excuse me for not answering your letter before. I am glad to know you received the little package - there are so many mishaps in sending plants and bulbs that I almost despair sometimes. As I wrote to Prof. Timber I am trying to understand the Liliacea of this coast and sent him a fine package of bulbs among them are the new soap plant that Dr. Kellogg has described under the name of *Chlorogalum angustifolium*, also *Liliorhiza* figured in Mex. Bound. as *Protillaria lanceolata*. Timber has sent some to Cambridge and the gardener W. Buchanan also is cultivating them. I hope they will flower this year so that you can study them. I am cultivating all the Cal. plants especially the bulbous plants and have been for the last 8 years for my recreation between business hours. Will you turn to the figure of *H. lanceolata* in Hook. & Co. Bot. Am. and compare with the plate in Mex. Bound. Sur. is there not some discrepancy? I am anxious to get a bulb of *H. alba* of Nuttall did you ever see it in cultivation and can it be had in your vicinity? I have a good collector in Washoe valley (Virginia city) if you wish anything of special interest write me.

I have specimens of the *Magnus* growing in my garden and also flowering specimens in the Herbarium of the Acad. The first opportunity you shall have a specimen. Last season I detected the *Borlesia* of Ruiz & Pavon at least corresponding with the plate in their work which I have. It grows near San Francisco in wet shady places.

Can you obtain without much trouble your "Flora of New York" let me know the price and I will remit immediately.

Our society will soon publish more of its proceedings. I will forward them to you.

Will you refer me to some person in New York or London to whom I can correspond in reference to botanical books some one who will not charge me two prices. I had to pay one hundred and thirty five dollars for Walpers, Kunth and Ruiz & Pavon that is, collectively, also for the *Phytologist* I had to pay \$60. and its <sup>almost</sup> worth less for American plants. I was fortunate to get a fine copy of Michx's Flora for \$15. ~~for~~ I believe it is scarce. One work of all others I am anxious to get that is Redoute's Liliaceae, it is ~~am~~ told a magnificent work do you think I could get even a second hand copy?

I know it is out of print for a long time, yet some of your European correspondents might know of a copy for sale.

I must refrain, from laying out so much work in one letter; yet it ought to be said that the solving of botanical confusion is not work but an intellectual pleasure.

I am yours respectfully

H. G. Bloomer



